

**Department of Human Services
Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing**

**Child Care Centers and Homes
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To: All Child Care Providers

From: Kathleen S. Sinnamon, Acting Director
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Subject: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Approves New Crib Safety Standards

In December 2010, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) approved new mandatory standards for full-size and non-full-size baby cribs under Section 104(c) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

The mandatory crib standards will: (1) stop the manufacture and sale of dangerous, traditional drop-side cribs; (2) make mattress supports stronger; (3) make crib hardware more durable; and (4) make safety testing more rigorous.

Effective June 28, 2011, all cribs sold will have to be manufactured to the new standards. According to the CPSC, all drop-side cribs, even ones with immobilizers, and most non-drop side cribs made prior to June 28, 2011 will not meet the new standards.

Family and group child home and child care center licensing rules require that all cribs meet the standards of the CPSC. Per the new standards, **all child care providers will have to replace all cribs not meeting the new standards by December 28, 2012.**

If you have a newer crib and are not sure if it will meet the new standards, you can contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-CPSC [(800) 638-2772].

Go to www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11074.html to view the press release regarding the new standards. You can also go to the CPSC's Crib Information Center Website at www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your licensing consultant.

cc: Child Care Licensing Consultants and Area Managers